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**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Marco CAERAN )  
Appln. No. : 09/537,176 )  
Filed : March 29, 2000 )  
For : SPORTS BOOT WITH FLEXIBLE FRAME )

Group Art Unit 3728

Examiner Jila Mohandesi

**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**  
**TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2001 (Paper No. 10)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the final Office action dated September 20, 2001 (Paper No. 10), please enter the following amendment.

Upon entry of the amendment, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

**AMENDMENT**

**In the Claims**

Please cancel claims 21, 22, 23, and 28.

Please amend claim 1 to add the subject matter of dependent claim 21, as follows:



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Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.116  
Expedited Procedure Requested  
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THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 in the above-captioned application.

- \_\_\_ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously filed.  
\_\_\_ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.  
\_\_\_ A Request for Extension of Time.  
X No Additional Fee.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

Claims After Amendment	No. Claims Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity		Other Than A Small Entity	
			Rate	Fee	Rate	Fee
Total Claims: 26	*28	0	x 9=	\$	x 18=	\$0.00
Indep. Claims: 4	**5	0	x 42=	\$	x 84=	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims Presented			+140=	\$	+280=	\$0.00
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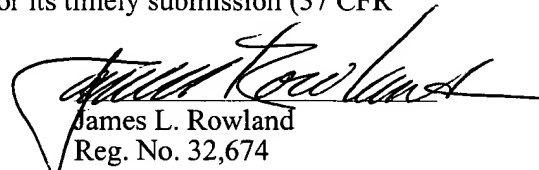
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- X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.  
X Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.  
X Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17, including any required extension of times fees in any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for extension of time for its timely submission (37 CFR 1.136)(a)(3)

  
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